

# Reinforced Masonry

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# Overview

- Benefits of reinforced masonry construction
- Potential Challenges
- Applicable codes
- General design requirements for walls
- Tips for successful construction of reinforced masonry
- Considerations for connection of walls to floor and roof diaphragms
- Tips for construction of walls with openings
- Best practices for location of control joints
- Considerations for cavity wall construction and single wythe masonry

# BENEFITS OF REINFORCED MASONRY



- Durable
- Fire Resistant
- Energy Efficient
- Cost Efficient
- Structurally Efficient

# Potential Challenges

- Open floor plans
- Large open facades
- Field QA/QC
- Weather/Location
- Local workforce
- Site conditions
- Deflection limits
- Complex geometry





# Engineer's Role

- Understand code provisions
- Recognize common pitfalls during construction and design for them
- Develop a strong QA/QC plan
- Reach out to local masons
- Become a masonry apprentice
- Focus on constructible designs as they are key to a successful masonry project

# Common Project Types

- K-12 schools
- Bus garages
- Corrections facilities
- Housing projects
- Higher education facilities





# CODES - IBC 2012 - TMS 402/602-11

## Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures

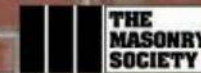
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*Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures*  
(TMS 402-13/ACI 530-13/ASCE 5-13)

*Specification for Masonry Structures*  
(TMS 602-13/ACI 530.1-13/ASCE 6-13)

and Companion Commentaries

Developed by the Masonry Standards Joint Committee



MDG-2016

## The Masonry Society's Masonry Designers' Guide 2016

Based On





# DESIGN METHODOLOGIES

## ASD or Strength??

Not major differences between the two and they are getting closer. Examples:

- ASD  $F_s$  = 32,000 psi instead of 24,000 psi (previous)
- ASD  $F_m$  = 0.45 $f'_m$  instead of 0.33 $f'_m$  (previous)

Masonry research is generally Strength-based and will continue to be

Consider learning and using Strength design



# Walls!!!

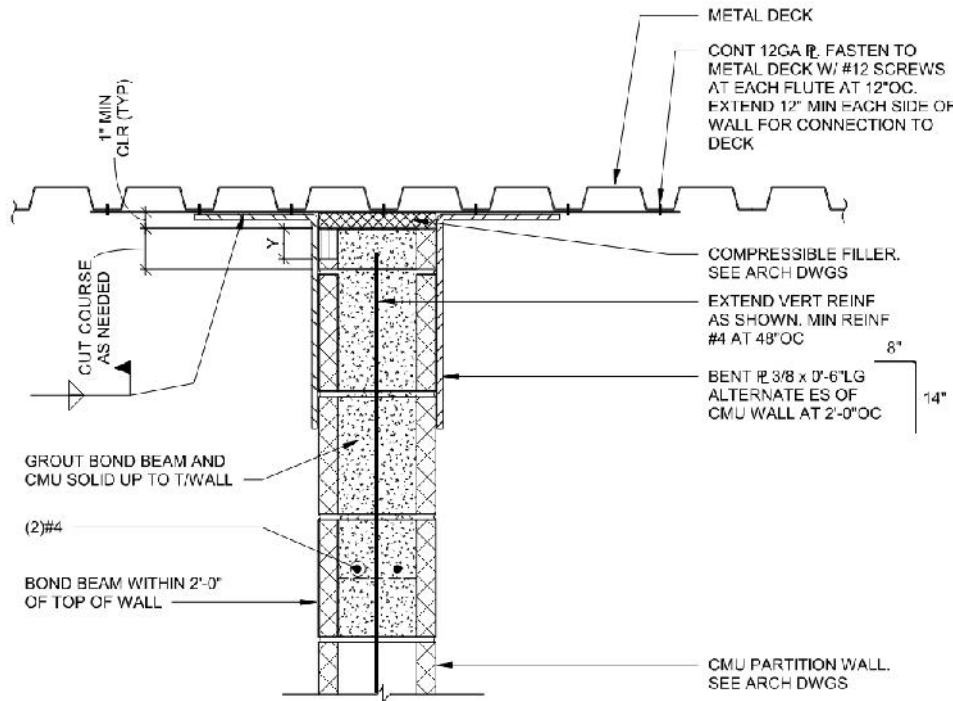




# General

- Bearing walls are generally more efficient than non-bearing walls
- Tops of walls need to be braced including interior partitions
- Pay attention to detailing for shear. If walls are not intended to be shear walls, they:
  - Should not be connected to floor and roof diaphragms for in-plane loads
  - Should not be built tight to building columns

# Non-Shear Wall



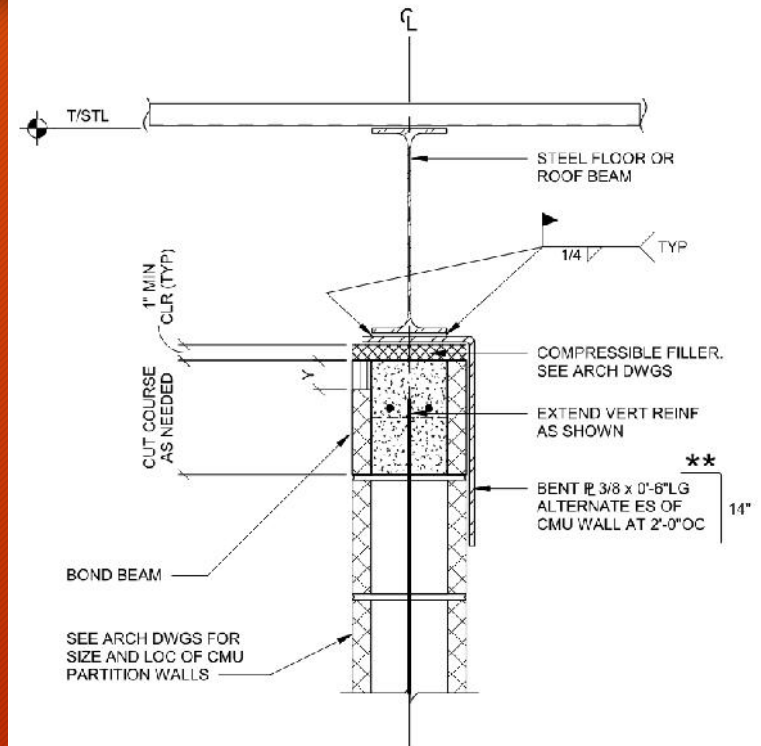
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## DETAIL AT TOP OF CMU PARTITION WALL

NOT TO SCALE

NOTE:

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## DETAIL AT TOP OF CMU PARTITION WALL

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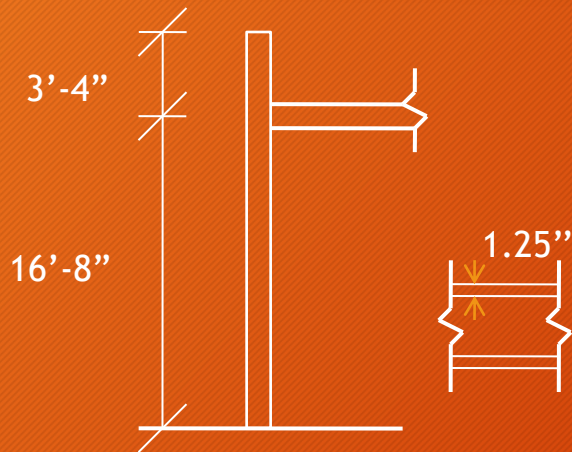
1. \*\* - INDICATES FLANGE WIDTH PLUS 2" OR WALL WIDTH PLUS 1/2" (WHICHEVER IS GREATER). COORDINATE WITH ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS.
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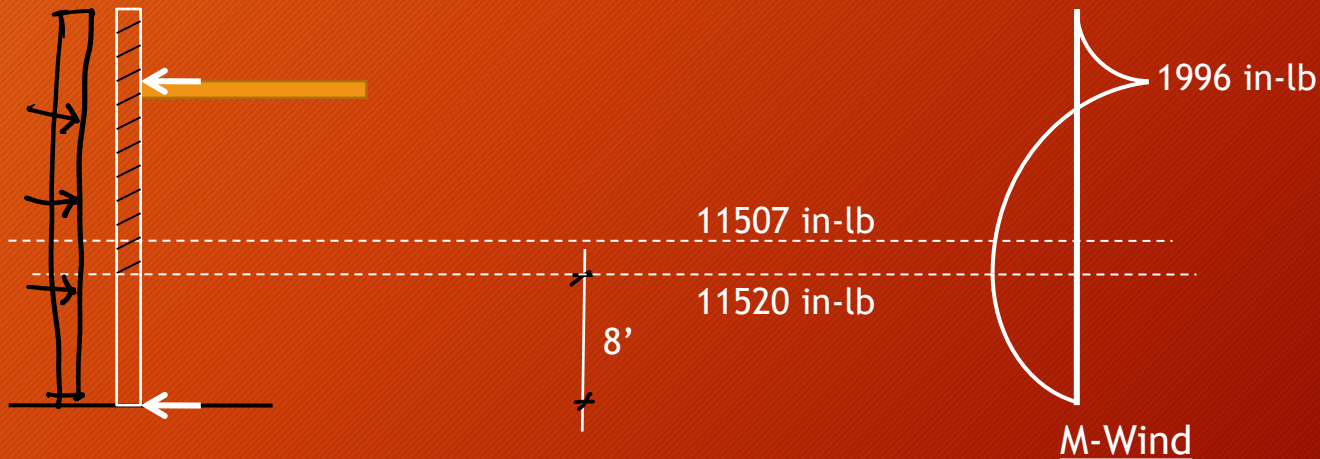
# Out-of-Plane Loads Allowable Stress

- Wind: 30psf
- Unit Strength: 2000 psi
- $f'm = 2000$  psi
- 8" cmu DL- ungrouted, 33psf

## Example - Reinforced Non-Bearing Wall



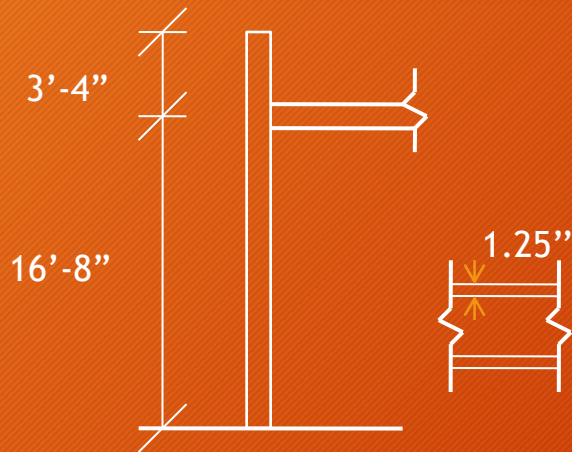
$M_{max} = 11520$  in-lb  
 $F_b = .45 f'm = 900$  psi  
 $F_s = 32,000$  psi  
 Assume reinf in center of cell  $d = 3.75$ "  
 Assume  $j = .9$   
 $A_s = M/F_s * j * d$   
 $A_s \text{ approx.} = .107 \text{ in}^2$



# Out-of-Plane Loads Strength Design

- Wind: 50psf (Factored)
- Unit Strength: 2000 psi
- $f'm = 2000$  psi
- 8" cmu DL- ungrouted, 33psf

## Example - Reinforced Non-Bearing Wall



$$M_u (\text{max}) = 19200 \text{ in-lb/ft of wall}$$

$$f_y = 60,000 \text{ psi}$$

$$\text{Assume reinf in center of cell } d = 3.75''$$

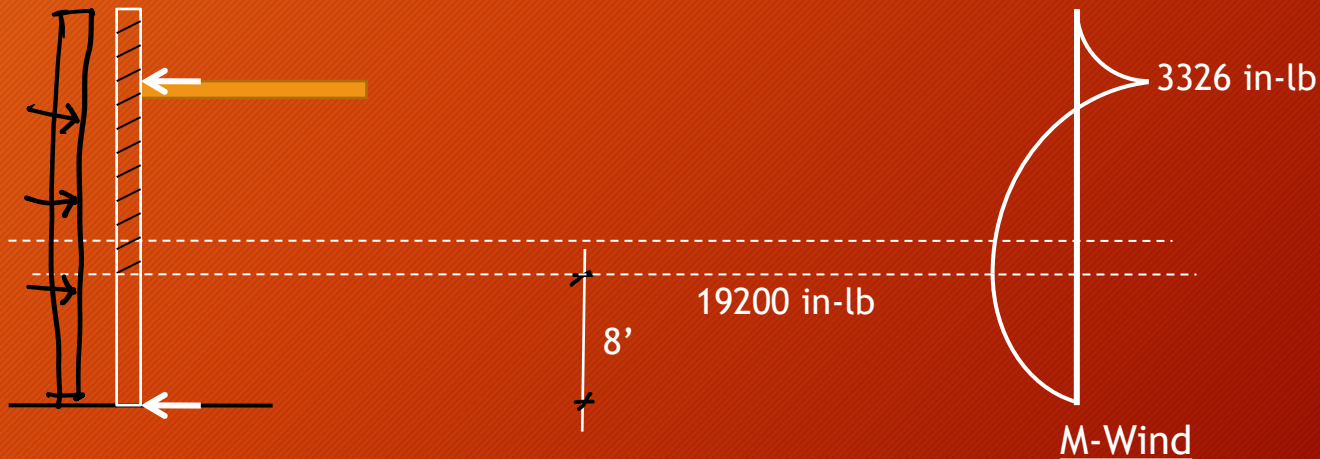
$$\Phi = 0.9$$

$$b = 12'' \text{ (per foot basis)}$$

$$a = d - \text{SQRT} [d^2 - (2M_u / 0.8 \cdot \Phi \cdot f'_m \cdot b)]$$

$$A_s = (0.8 \cdot f'_m \cdot b \cdot a) / f_y$$

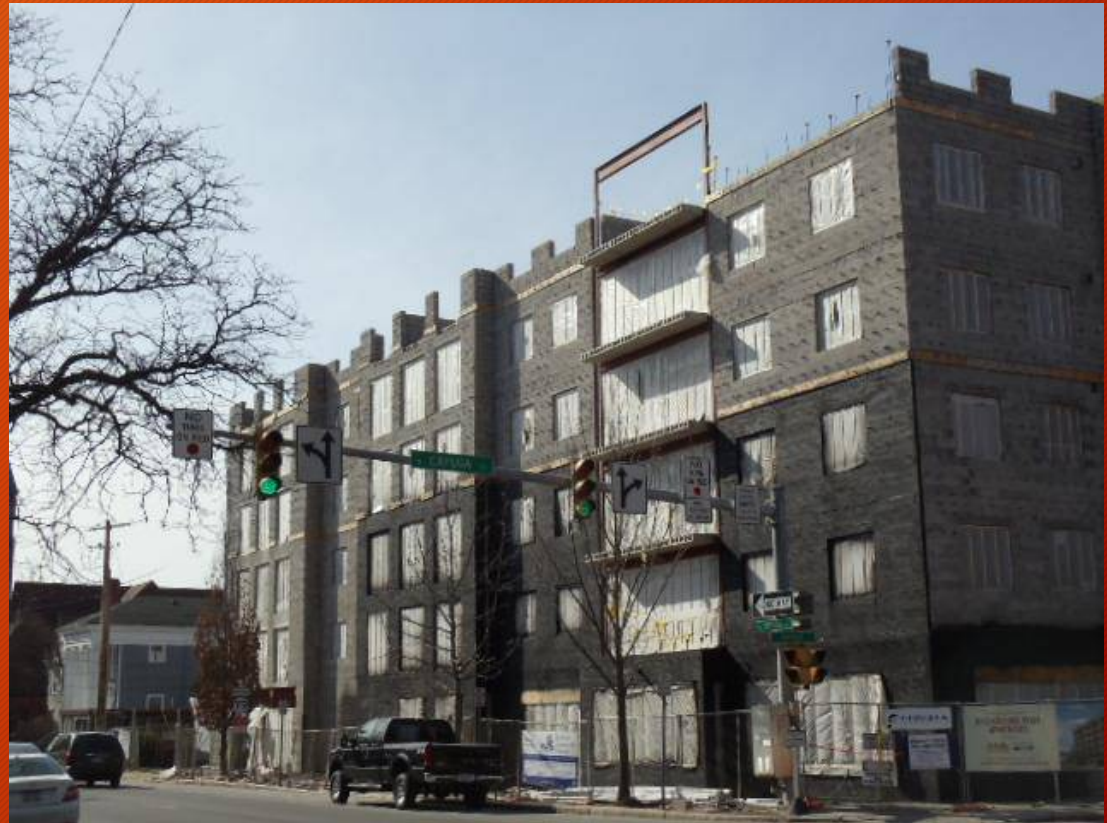
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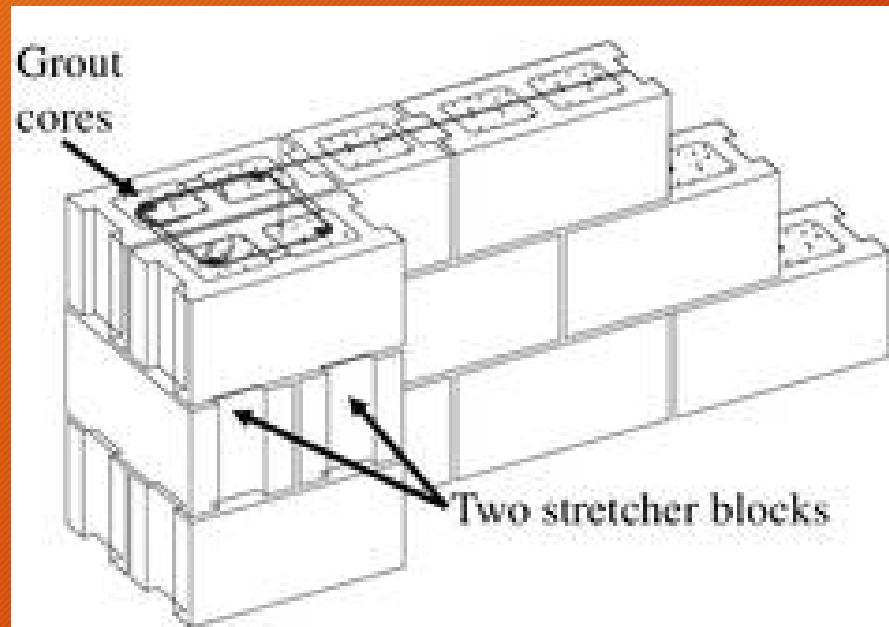
# Walls with Openings

- Consider location of control joints in design of vertical reinforcement at jambs.
- Plan ahead for lintels.
- Discuss layout with Architect early in the project. BE MODULAR!!
- Don't be left with too little masonry to satisfy design and constructability

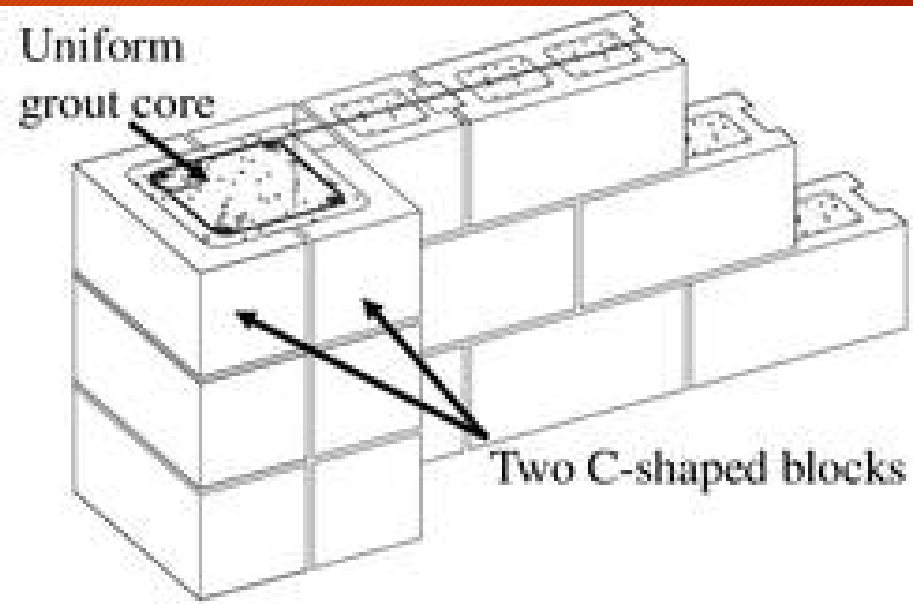


# Big Openings and Tall Walls

- Larger CMU - 8" standard, but 10"-12"-16" are available
- Consider pilasters

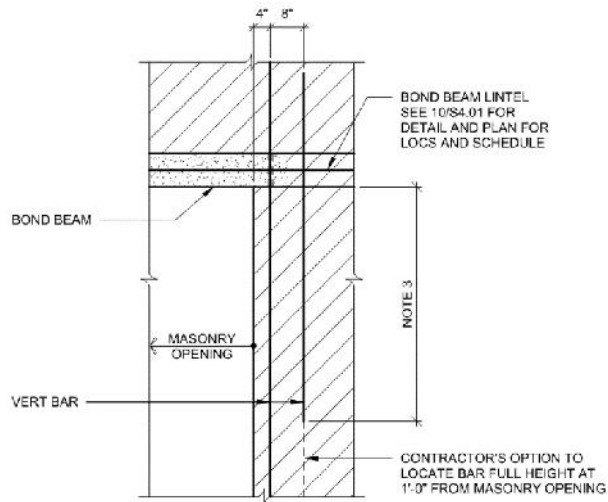


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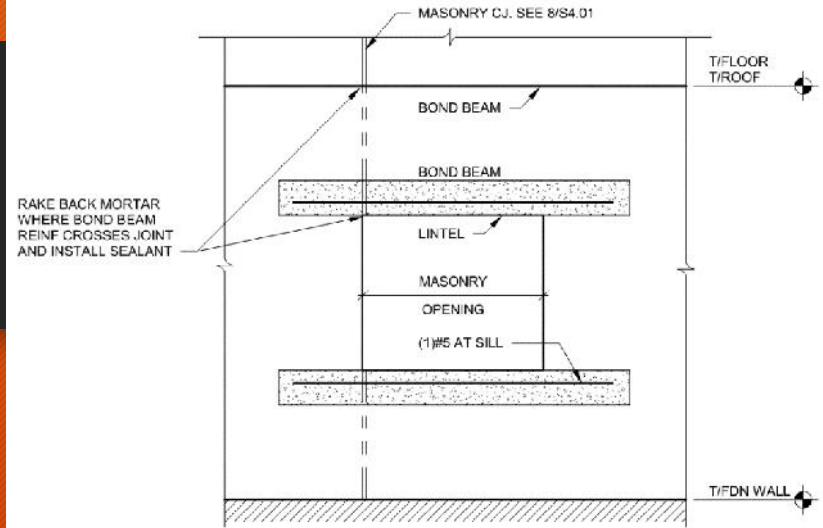
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# Lintels



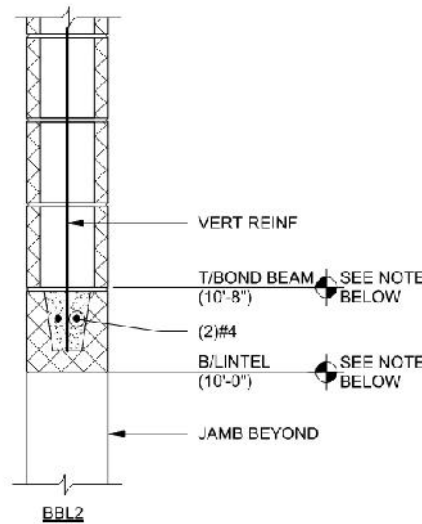
**NOTES:**

1. TERM "FULL HEIGHT" REFERS TO SINGLE CORE REINFORCED FULL HEIGHT. BARS MAY BE LAPPED.
2. USE FULL HEIGHT BAR THROUGH LINTEL BEARING AT REINFORCED CMU LINTEL.
3. LAP LENGTH SHALL BE THE LAP LENGTH INDICATED IN THE MASONRY NOTES ON S0.01 + 8 INCHES.
4. SEE 2/S4.01 FOR ELEVATION OF OPENING AT CONTROL JOINT.



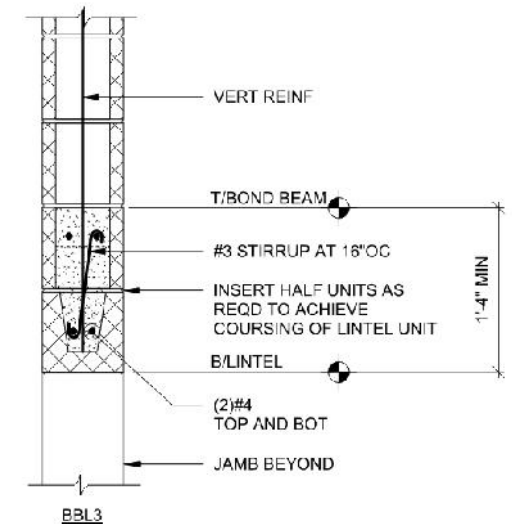
**NOTES:**

1. SEE 1/S4.01 MASONRY WALL REINFORCING ELEVATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



**NOTES:**

1. FOR OPENINGS UP TO 4'-0" WIDE.

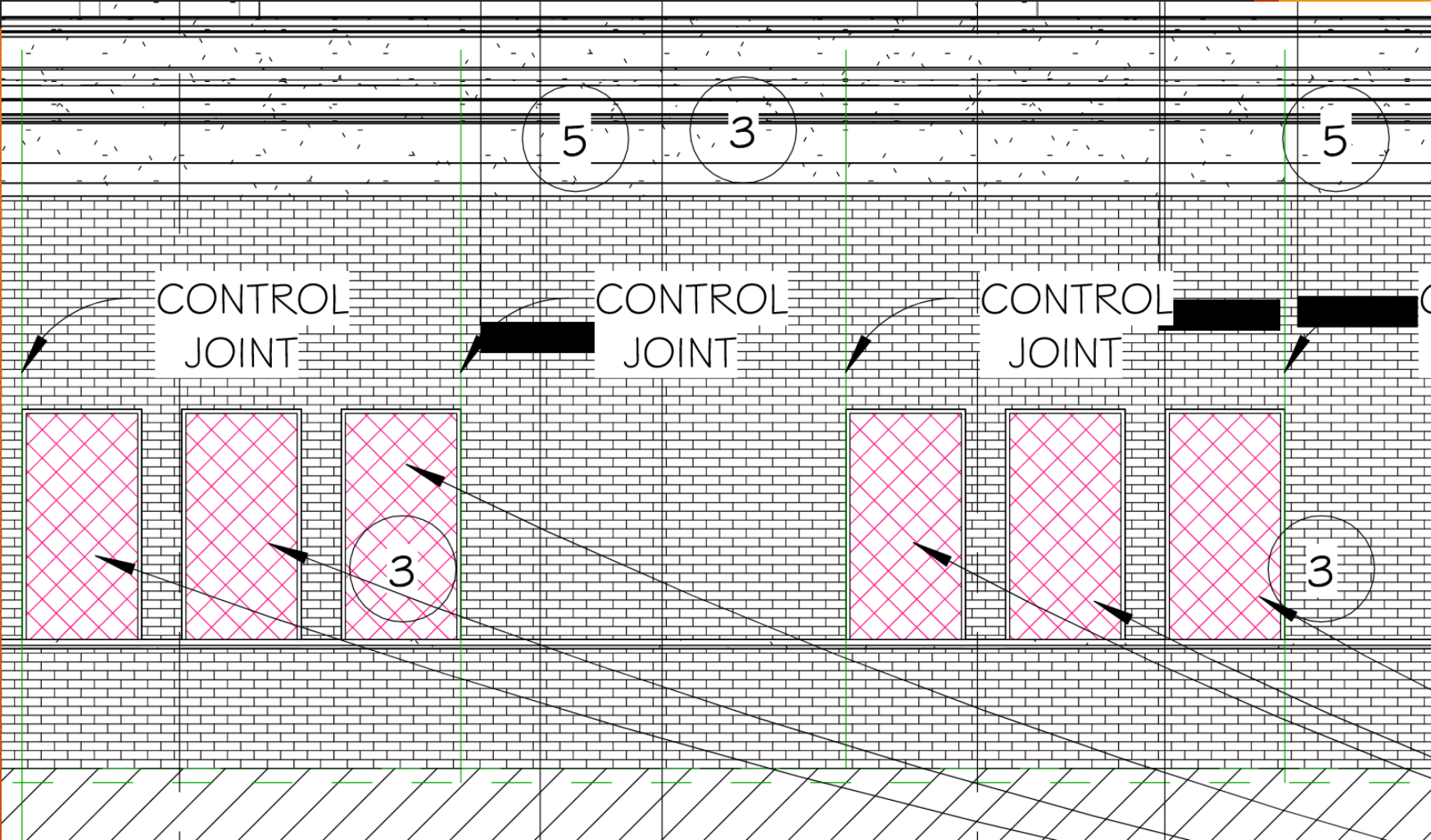


**NOTE:**

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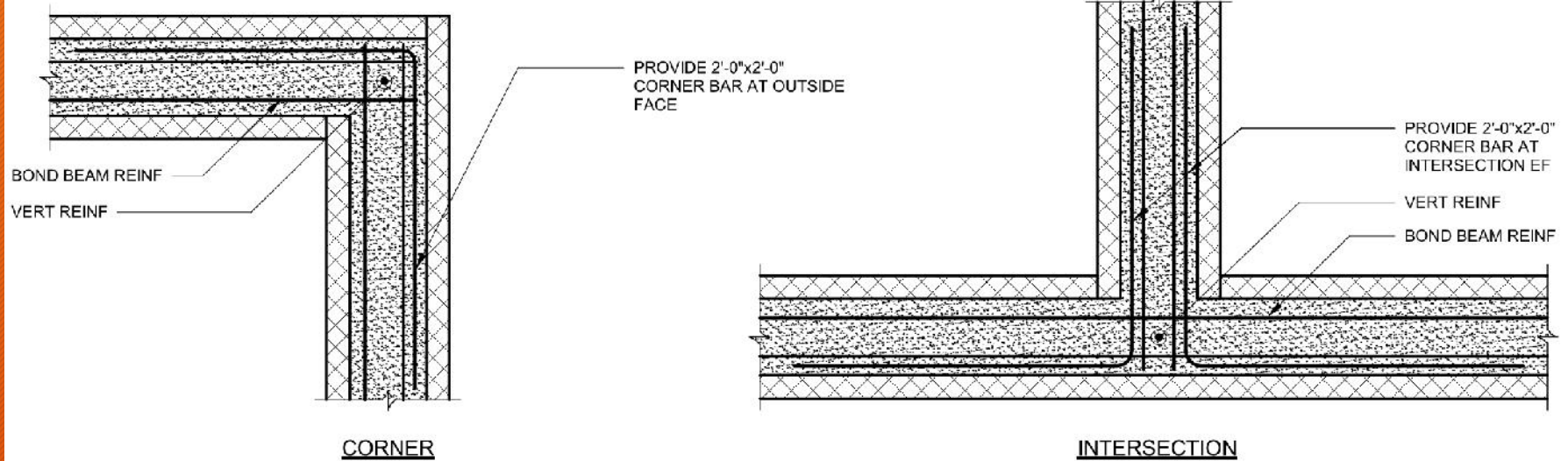
# Lintels



# Bond Beams

## BOND BEAM ELEVATION SCHEDULE

LOCATION	T/BOND BEAM ELEVATION
SOUTH ADDITION	9'-4", 12'-8", 17'-4", 22'-8", 26'-8"
EAST ADDITION	10'-8", 15'-4", 18'-8"

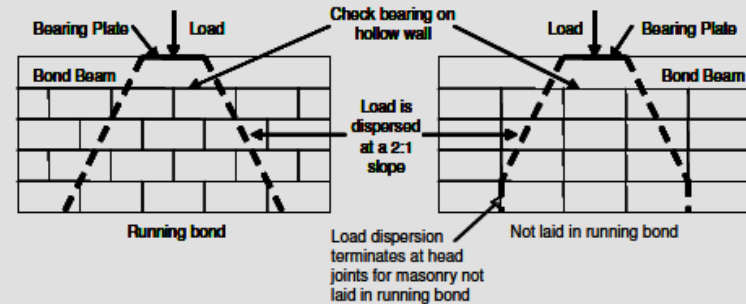




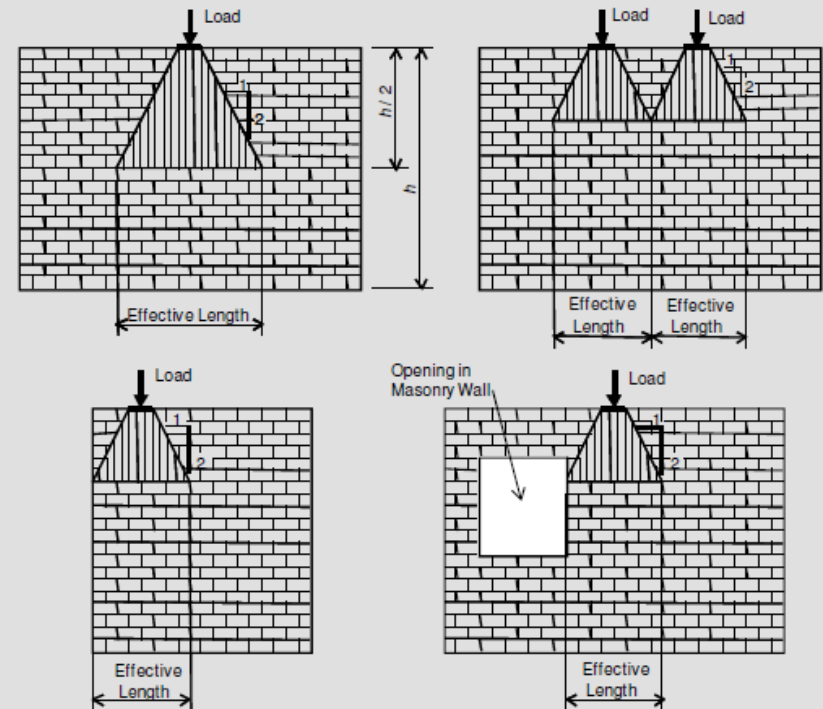


# Bearing Walls

- More efficient use of reinforced masonry than non-load bearing
- Running bond layout is most common
- Architects will sometimes specify stack bond for exposed masonry
- Note load distribution for point loads on stack bond walls



(a) Distribution of concentrated load through bond beam



(b) Distribution of concentrated load in wall

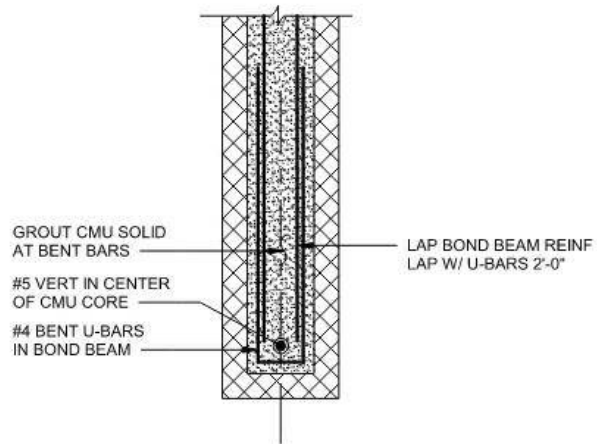
Figure CC-5.1-5. Distribution of concentrated loads

# Beams Bearing in Walls

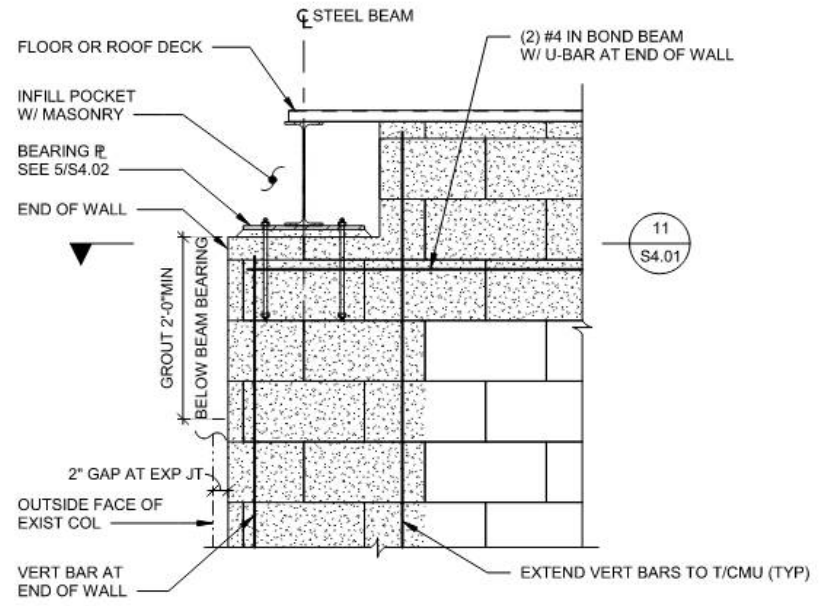
- Pay attention to bond beam layout
- Provide additional shear reinforcement at beams bearing at ends of walls.



# Bearing Walls



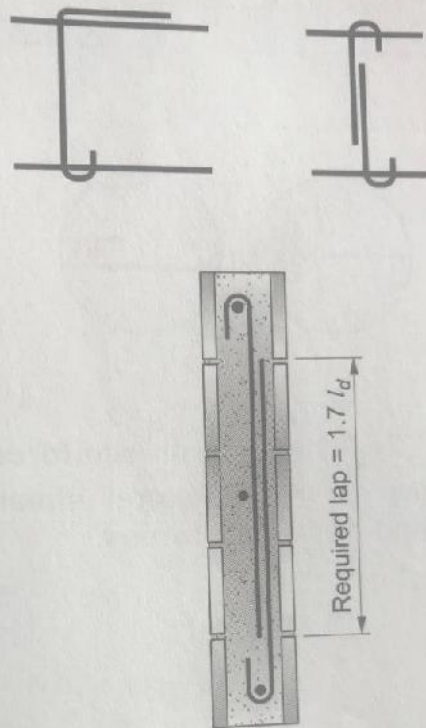
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 S4.01 1 1/2" = 1'-0"



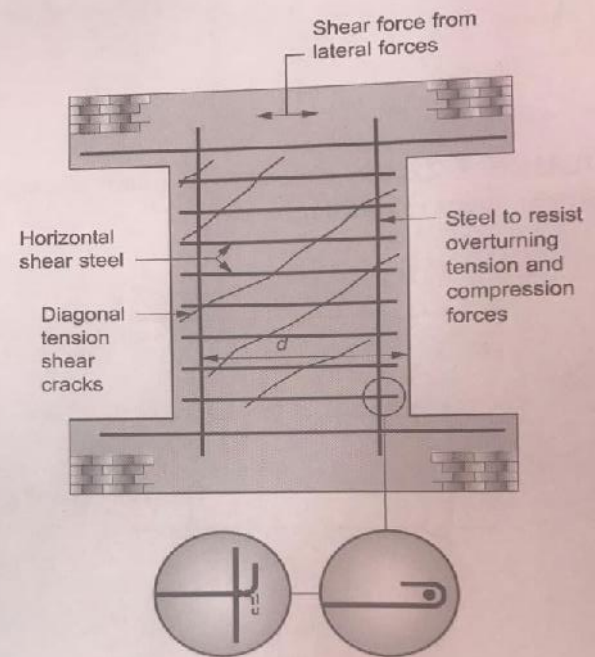
12 SECTION  
 S4.01 3/4" = 1'-0"



# Shear Walls



**FIGURE 7.23** Anchorage details for shear reinforcement.



**FIGURE 7.25** Shear wall reinforced with horizontal steel to resist lateral shear forces induced by wind or seismic forces.

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**6.1.6.1.1.3** Reinforcement spliced by noncontact lap splices shall not be spaced transversely farther apart than one-fifth the required length of lap nor more than 8 in. (203 mm). Noncontact splices are not permitted in AAC masonry.

### **6.1.7** *Shear reinforcement*

Shear reinforcement shall extend to a distance  $d$  from the extreme compression face and shall be carried as close to the compression and tension surfaces of the member as cover requirements and the proximity of other reinforcement permit. Shear reinforcement shall be anchored at both ends for its calculated stress.

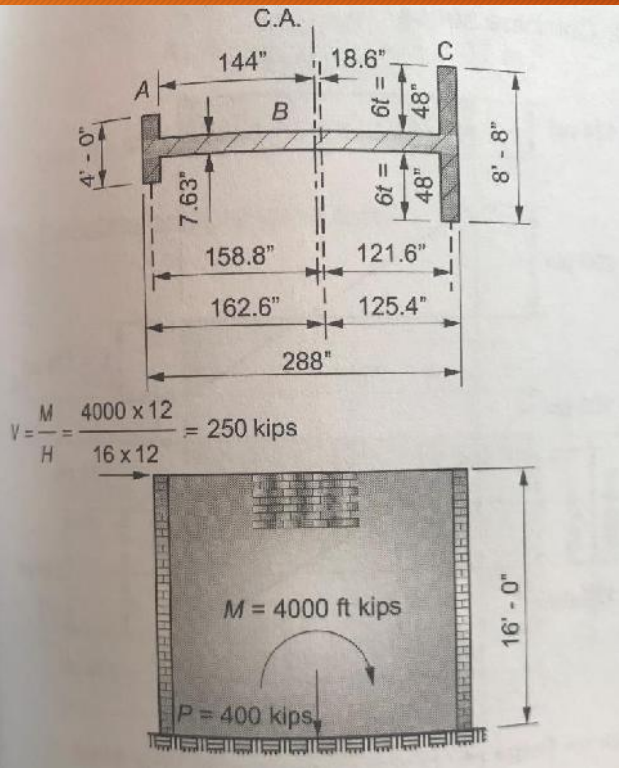
#### **6.1.7.1** *Horizontal shear reinforcement*

**6.1.7.1.1** Except at wall intersections, the end of a horizontal reinforcing bar needed to satisfy shear strength requirements of Section 9.3.4.1.2 or Section 11.3.4.1.2 shall be bent around the edge vertical reinforcing bar with a 180-degree standard hook.

**6.1.7.1.2** At wall intersections, horizontal reinforcing bars needed to satisfy shear strength requirements of Section 9.3.4.1.2 or 11.3.4.1.2 shall be bent around the edge vertical reinforcing bar with a 90-degree standard hook and shall extend horizontally into the intersecting wall a minimum distance at least equal to the development length.

- Shear reinforcement in the form of bars or wire joint reinforcement
- Shear reinforcement must be developed

# Shear Walls



5/8"x1'-6" LG A36 ROD  
ALIGN W/ BOND BEAMS  
SEE MASONRY REINF SCHEDULE  
ON S104 BOND BEAM BARS  
(NOT SHOWN) TO RUN TO FACE  
OF HSS COL

STL HSS COL

GROUT SOLID AT RODS

VERT BAR (SEE SCHEDULE)

RAKED JOINT W/ BACKER  
ROD AND SEALANT

HORIZ JOINT  
REINF AT 16" OC

CMU WALL

BRICK VENEER

SEE SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR ANCHORS

TYP 3/16"



# Shear Walls

5.1.1.2.5 The connection of intersecting walls shall conform to one of the following requirements:

- (a) At least fifty percent of the masonry units at the interface shall interlock.
- (b) Walls shall be anchored by steel connectors grouted into the wall and meeting the following requirements:
  - (1) Minimum size:  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. x 28 in. (6.4 mm x 38.1 mm x 711 mm) including 2-in. (50.8-mm) long, 90-degree bend at each end to form a U or Z shape.
  - (2) Maximum spacing: 48 in. (1219 mm).
- (c) Intersecting reinforced bond beams shall be provided at a maximum spacing of 48 in. (1219 mm) on center. The area of reinforcement in each bond beam shall not be less than  $0.1 \text{ in.}^2$  per ft ( $211 \text{ mm}^2/\text{m}$ ) multiplied by the vertical spacing of the bond beams in feet (meters). Reinforcement shall be developed on each side of the intersection.

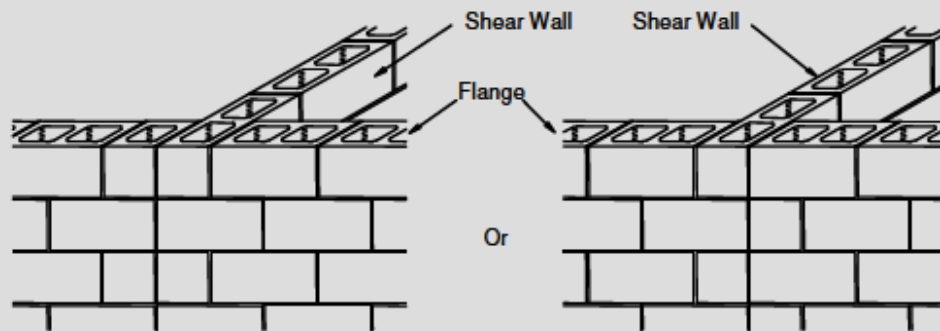


Figure CC-5.1-1 — Running bond lap at intersection

# Shear Walls

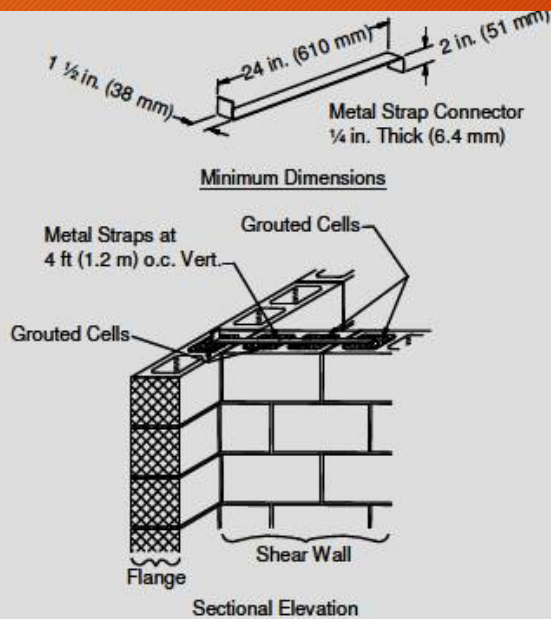


Figure CC-5.1-2 — Metal straps and grouting at wall intersections

## COMMENTARY

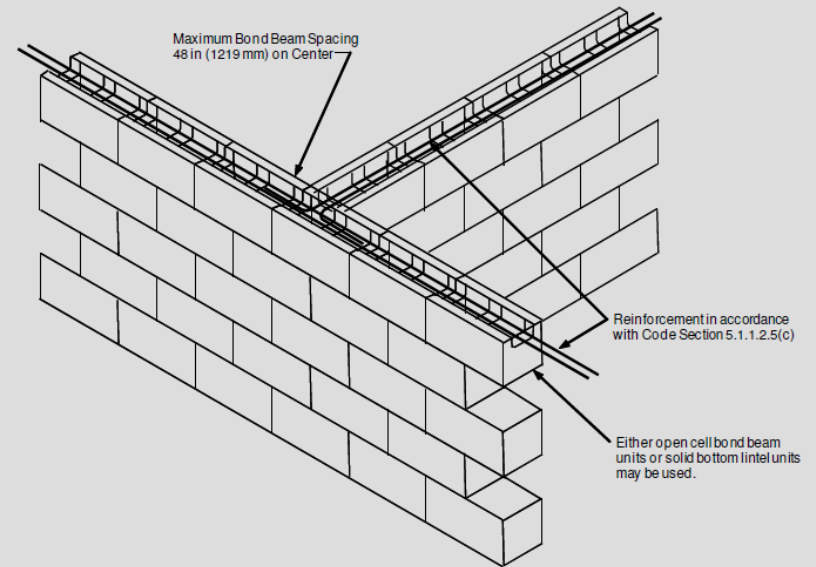
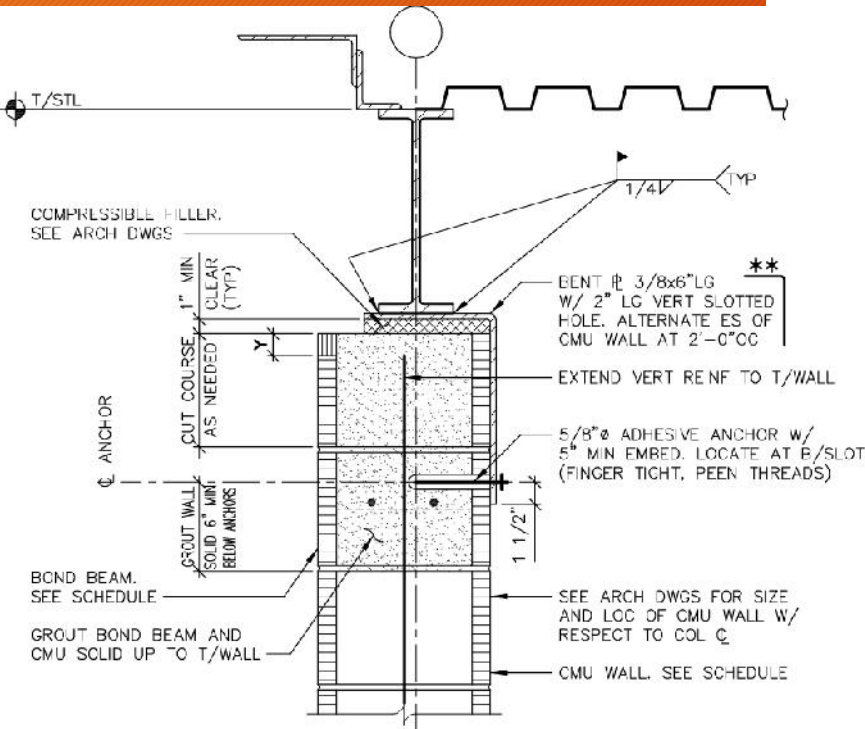
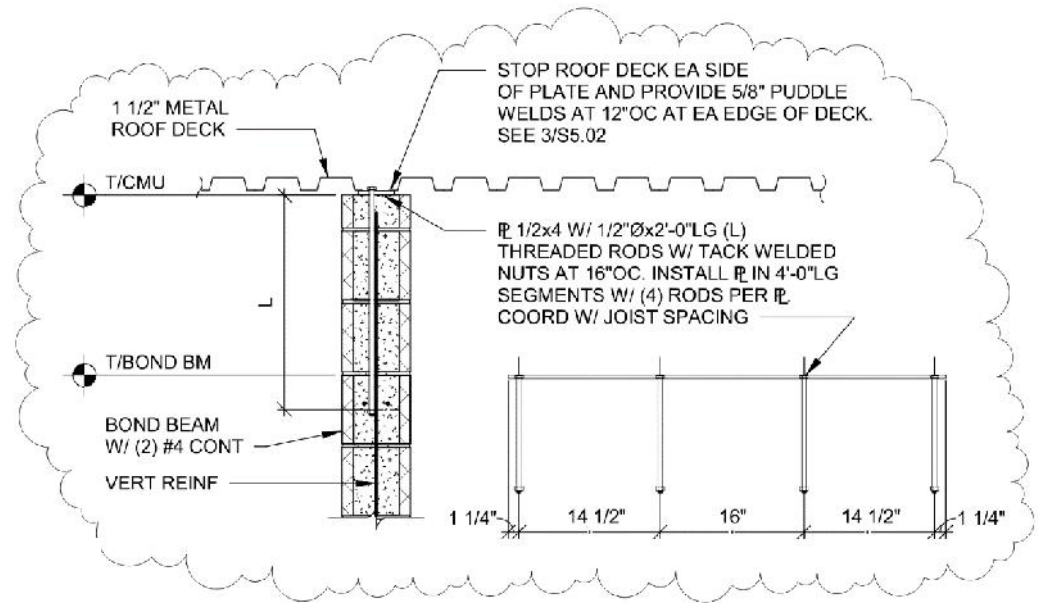


Figure CC-5.1-3 — Bond beam at wall intersection

# Diaphragms



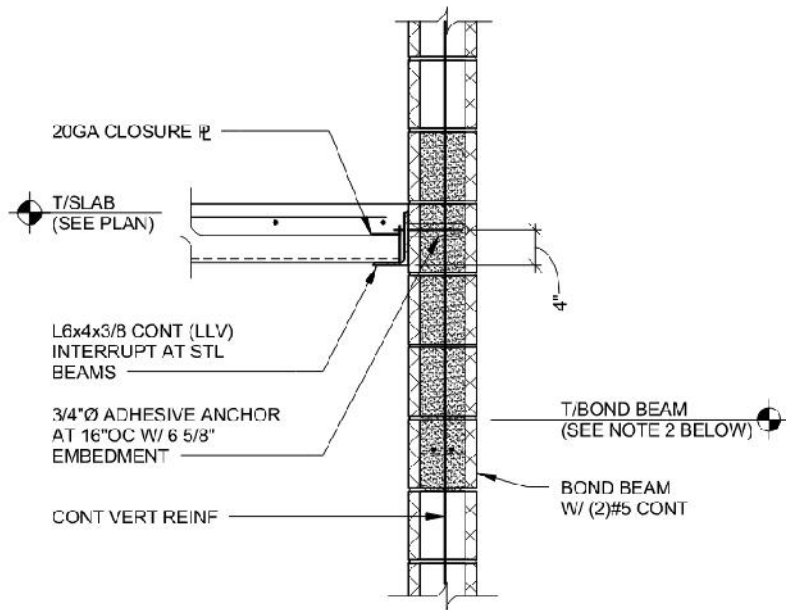
**DETAIL AT TOP OF SHEAR WALL**

NOT TO SCALE  
NOTES:

Don't forget about diaphragm chords and wind uplift!!!



# Diaphragms

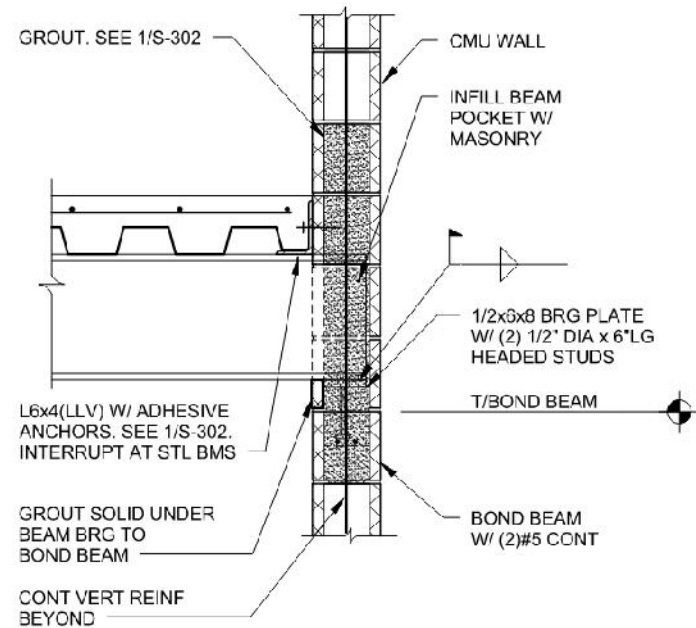


**NOTE:**  
BEAR DECK 2 1/2" MINIMUM ON SUPPORT.

**1**  
S-302  
**DETAIL**  
3/4" = 1'-0"

**NOTES:**

1. EXTEND GROUT TO INCLUDE FULL HEIGHT OF COURSE ABOVE SLAB.
2. T/BOND BEAM: (924'-10") SECOND FLOOR  
(935'-6") THIRD FLOOR  
(950'-10") ROOF  
(954'-6") PARAPET



**2**  
S-302  
**BEAM BEARING IN MASONRY WALL**  
3/4" = 1'-0"

**NOTE:**

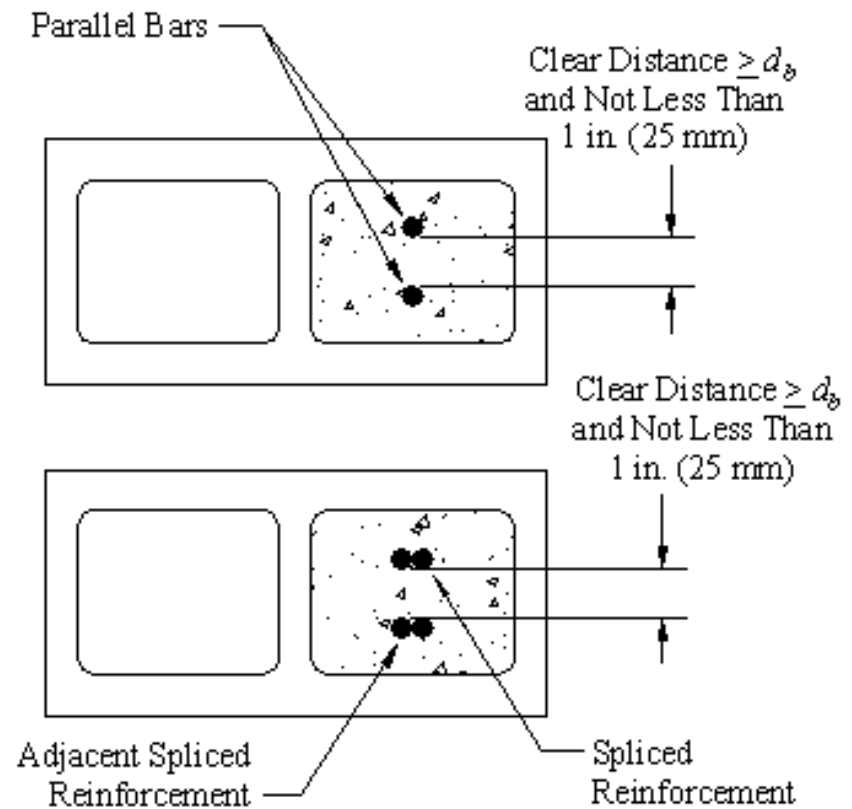
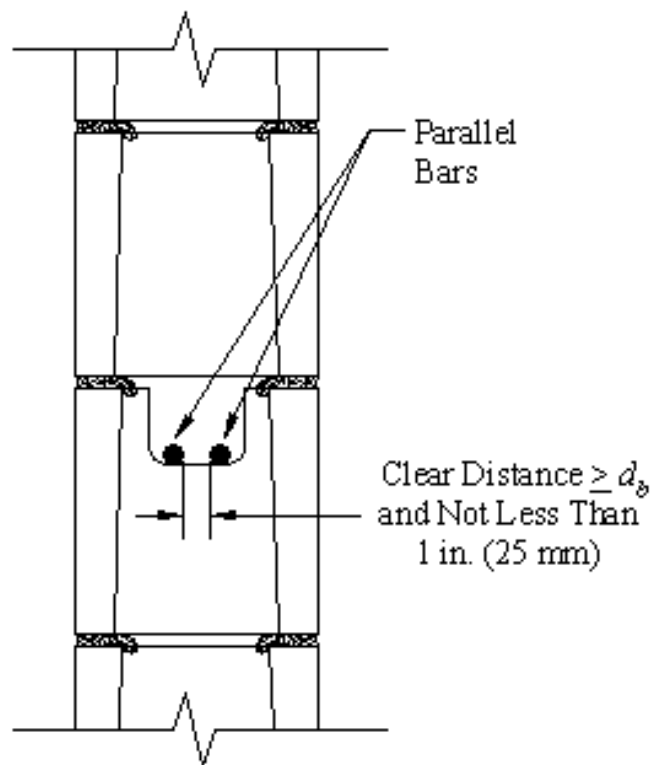
CONTRACTOR'S OPTION TO USE THREADED ROD WITH TACK WELDED NUT IN LIEU OF HEADED STUDS.

# Reinforcement Placement

- Generally Periodic
- Size, grade, and location
- Laps lengths and splices



# Reinforcement Placement

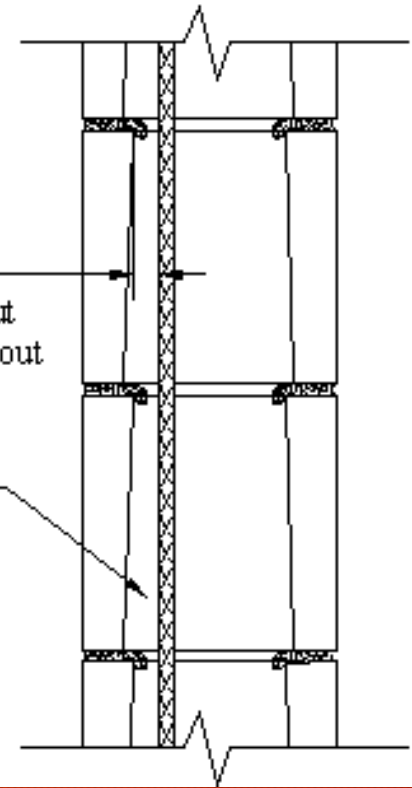




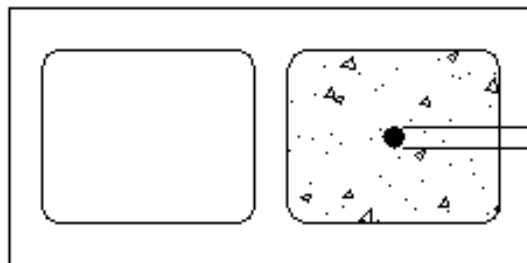
# Reinforcement Placement

Minimum of:  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. (6.4 mm) for Fine Grout  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (13 mm) for Coarse Grout

Vertical  
Reinforcement



Exposed Face



Non-Exposed Face

Minimum Cover Requirements:

2 in. (51 mm) for bars larger than No. 5 (M#16)

$1\frac{1}{2}$  in. (38 mm) for No. 5 (M#16) bars and smaller

Minimum Cover Requirements:

$1\frac{1}{2}$  in. (38 mm)

# Bar Positioners - Best Practice







# LAPS AND SPLICES

- Non-contact lap splices can be separated up to 1/5 the lap length but no more than 8"
- 40" lap = 8" separation
- 24" lap = ~ 4" separation
- IBC has different limits for lap lengths. 72 db max
- Lap splices become impracticable with larger bar sizes
- Strength design generally yields lower lap lengths

**8.1.6.3 Development of bars in tension or compression** — The required development length of reinforcing bars shall be determined by Equation 8-12, but shall not be less than 12 in. (305 mm).

$$l_d = \frac{0.13 d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} \quad (\text{Equation 8-12})$$

$K$  shall not exceed the smallest of the following: the minimum masonry cover, the clear spacing between adjacent reinforcement splices, and  $9d_b$ .

$\gamma = 1.0$  for No. 3 (M#10) through No. 5 (M#16) bars;

$\gamma = 1.3$  for No. 6 (M#19) through No. 7 (M#22) bars;

and

$\gamma = 1.5$  for No. 8 (M#25) through No. 11 (M#36) bars.

Development length of epoxy-coated bars shall be taken as 150 percent of the length determined by Equation 8-12.

# Splice Couplers/Welding





# Considerations

- Attempt to use #6 or smaller bars if possible and space grouted cells more closely. (Limited to 6t for seismic)
- Use rebar couplers for larger bar sizes





# GROUTING

- The code has requirements for fine vs coarse grout based on masonry size and pour height
- Don't allow wet-sticking of reinforcement into grouted cells
- Grout needs to be consolidated around reinforcement after placement.
- High lift grouting requires cleanouts at the bottom of grouted cells

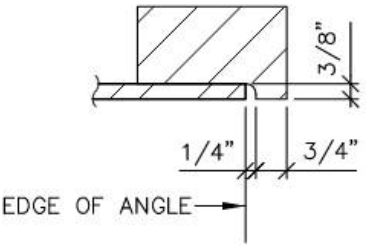
# Wall Joints

- Review with Architect early in the project. Do not leave it up to the Contractor
- Empirical Method of joint spacing is common (NCMA - TEK)
- Rules of thumb (joint spacing):
  - Unit height 8" -  $l/h = 1.5$  or 25 feet maximum
  - Unit height 4" -  $l/h = 1.5$  or 20 feet maximum
- Review minimum joint reinforcement:
  - $0.025 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}$  for 8" units,  $0.034 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}$  for 4" units

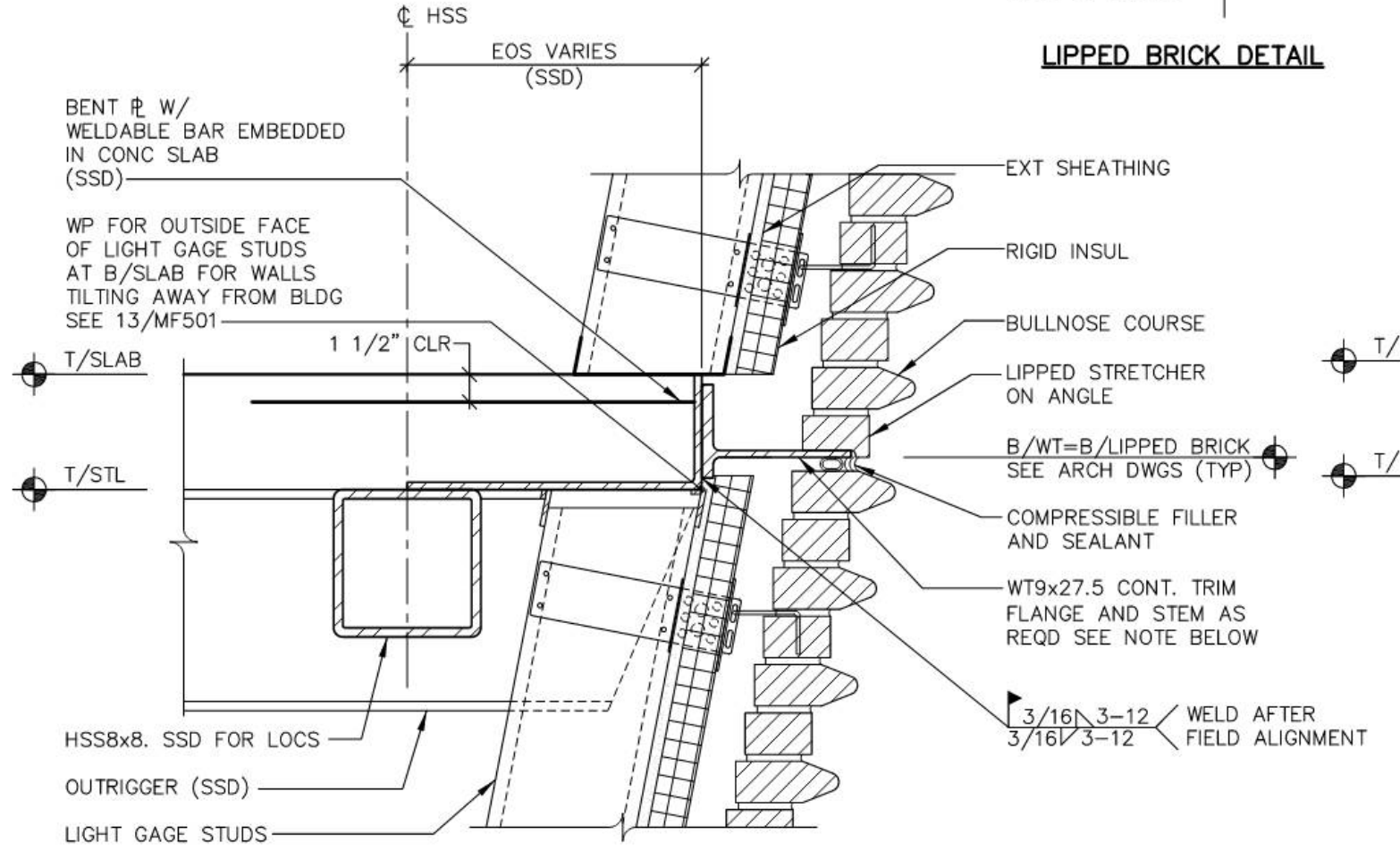
# Other Considerations for Joints

- Openings, corners, returns, create discontinuities in the wall system that can lead to cracking.
- Clay masonry veneer will expand and CMU backup will contract. Keep this in mind with jointing. You may need more veneer joints than backup joints.
- Joints are not just vertical. Carefully review detailing at horizontal relief angles for anticipated vertical movement in services in combination with brick growth.



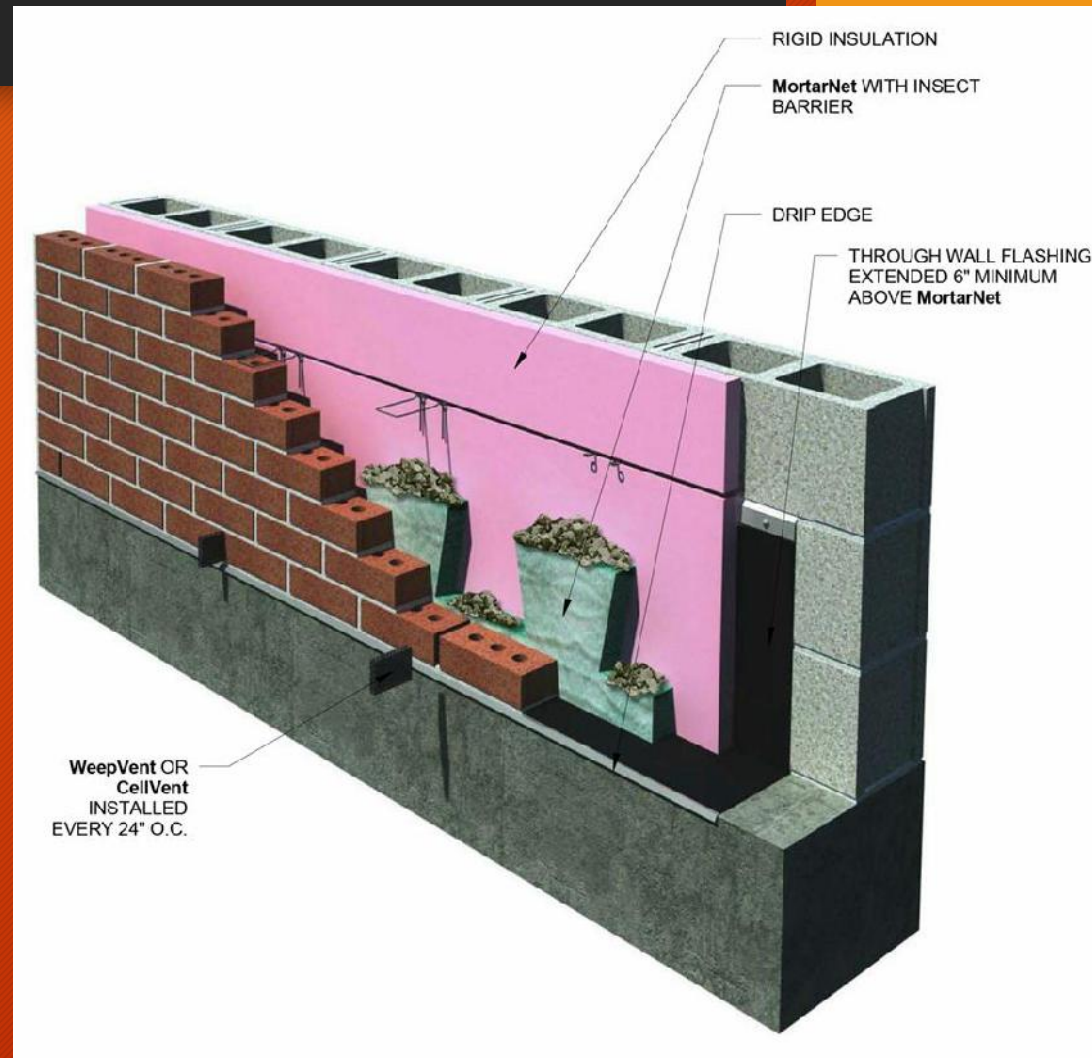


**LIPPED BRICK DETAIL**



# Cavity Wall Systems

- Consider veneer/cladding anchoring system
- Pay attention to cavity drainage and venting...it's OK to point out missing components to the Architect



# Cavity Wall Protection

- Do not use rope wicks or tubes to vent cavities...use weep vents.





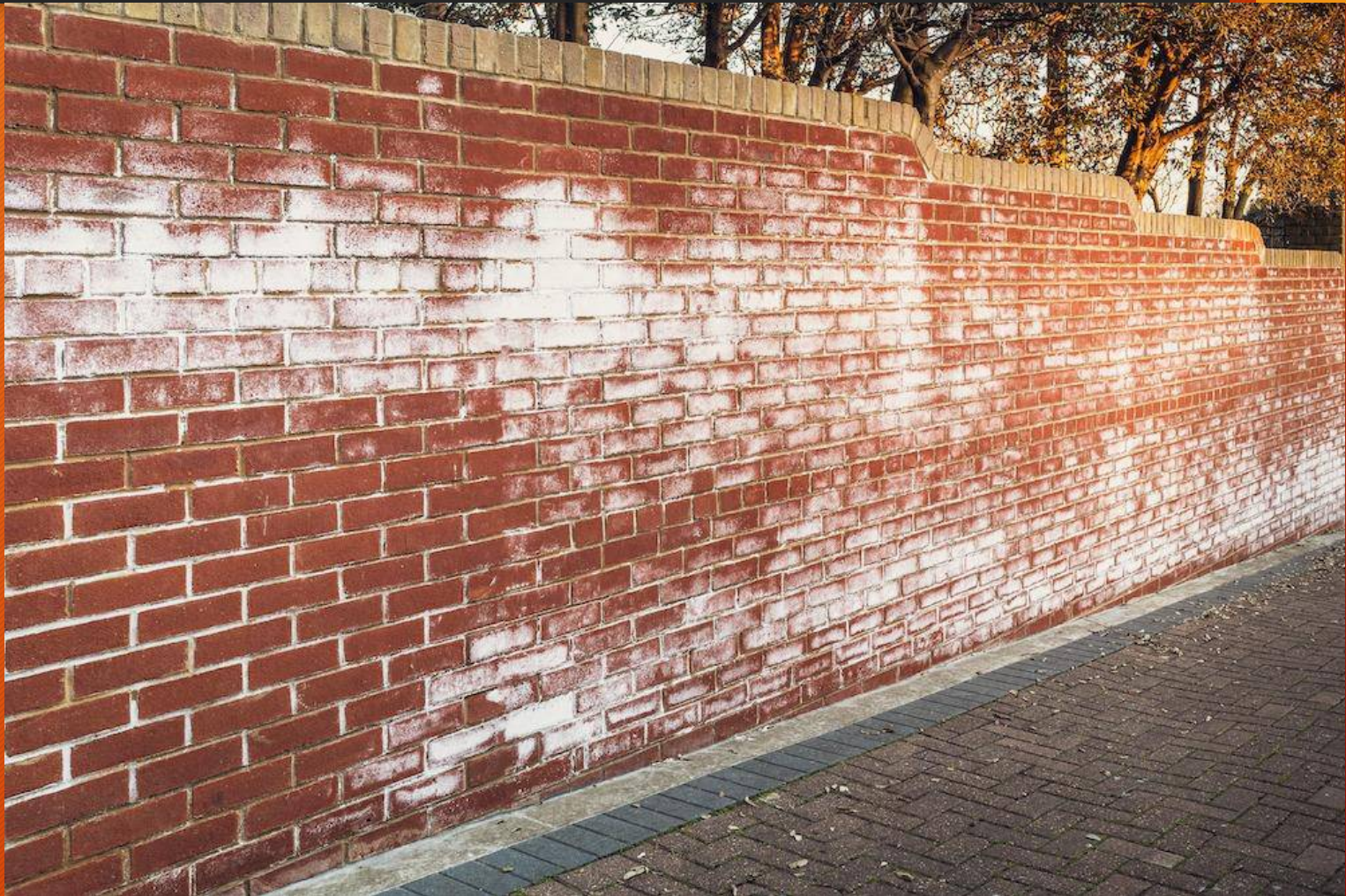
# Cavity Wall Protection

- Cover tops of walls at the end of each work day to prevent excess moisture from entering the wall system





# Efflorescence



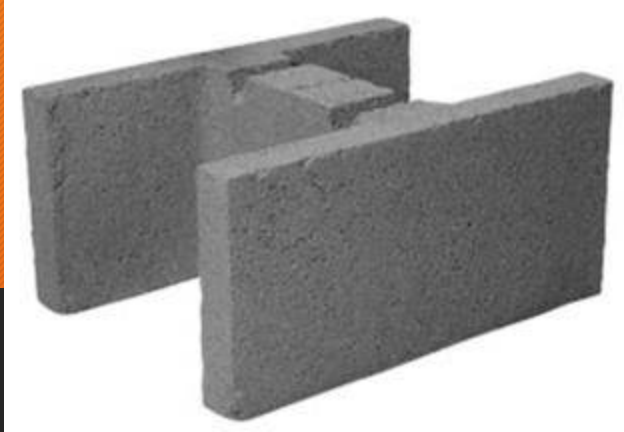


# Single Wythe Masonry Walls

- Must consider insulation and water resistance
- New systems have been developed to reduce thermal bridging and create a waterproof system
- If specifying integral waterproofing admixture for CMU, you **MUST** specify it in the mortar.
- Specify a post-applied spray-on breathable water repellent on exterior surface. The post-application will cover the units and the mortar and preserve the appearance.



# Construction Implications

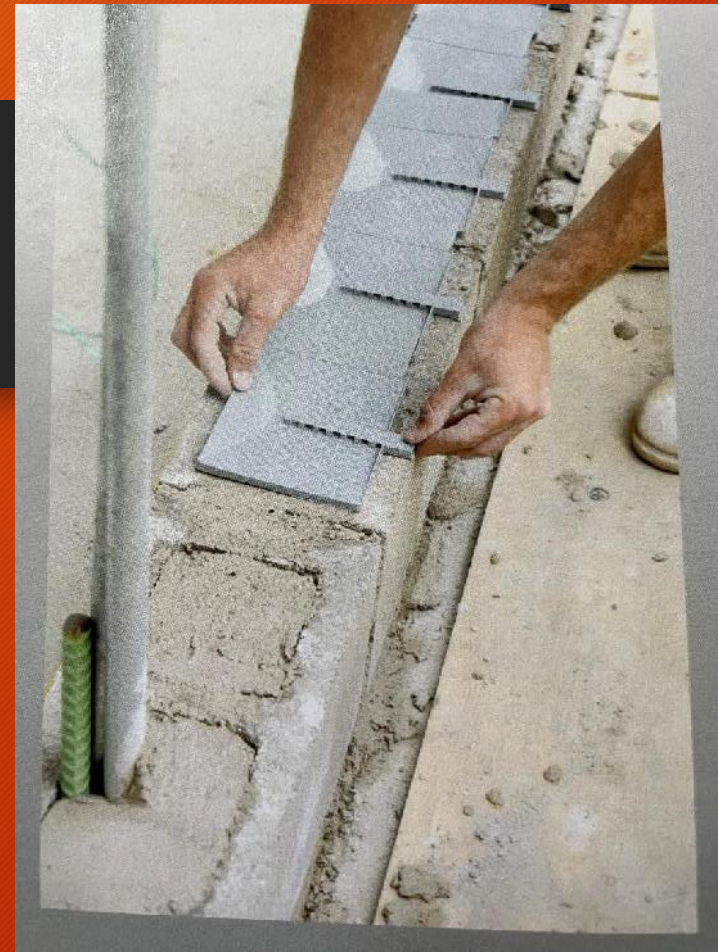
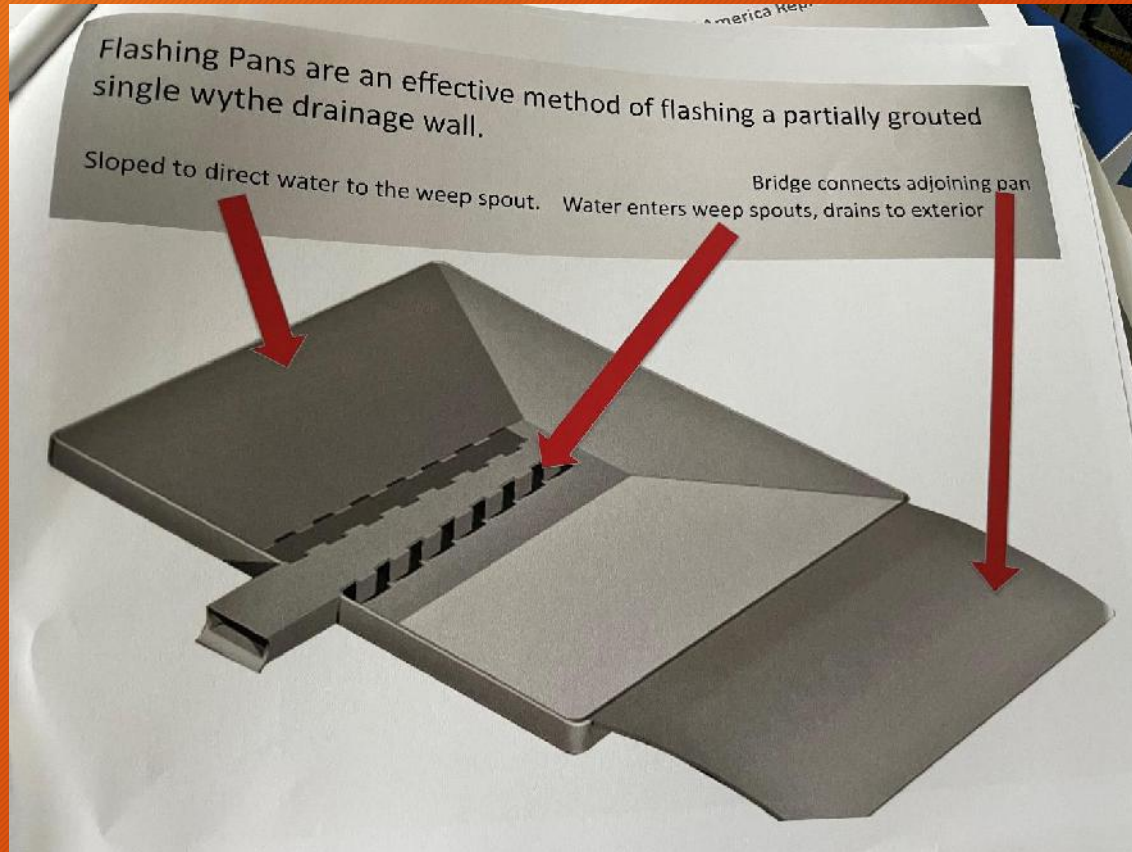


H-Block - better suited for solid grouted applications.



A-Block - better option for partial grouted applications.

# Single Wythe Drainage





# Insulation





# QUESTIONS

